

# *Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises*

## *A Diplomatic Conversation: President Franklin D. Roosevelt & Japanese Emperor Hirohito*

**Instructions:** Create comments from the document, *A Situation of Extraordinary Importance*. Write “imaginary” responses from Hirohito to FDR, since no reply to FDR’s message exists. (Note the date of President Roosevelt’s message. The Emperor, even if time permitted, would probably not have replied personally to the President, because of the very traditional nature of Japanese society. In addition, Hirohito knew of the planned attack on Pearl Harbor.)

Identify the main topic(s) of document: \_\_\_\_\_

### **COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT**

*Developments are occurring in the Pacific area which threaten to deprive each of our nations and all humanity of the beneficial influence of the long peace between our two countries.*

### **COMMENTS BY JAPANESE EMPEROR HIROHITO**

*I address myself to Your Majesty at this moment in the fervent hope that your Majesty may, as I am doing, give thought in this definite emergency of dispelling the dark clouds.*